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GLUBBDUBDRIBB,	JAPAN.

In a *Third Letter* to Dean SWIFT.

Laputians *here behold with wond'ring Eyes,*
And see the STOCKS *in* Balnibarbi *rise*;
Luggnaggian Muftis *bear away the Bell,*
And Glubbdubdribbians *call up* Sprites *from Hell:*
The Japaneſe *in fam'd Exploits are found,*
And long have been by OGILBY *renown'd.*

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Sir,

I Shall now purſue my Office of a *Journaliſt*, without any Ceremony, and give you an Account of Mr. *Gulliver*'s Third Voyage to the places mentioned in my *Title Page*, which, to avoid Prolixity, I will not here repeat.

CHAP. I.

THrough the Perſuaſions and advantagious Offers made him by a Sea Captain, his old Acquaintance, and leave of his Wife, *firſt had and obtained*, as the Lawyers ſay, he ſet ſail for the *Eaſt-Indies* the 5th Day of *Auguſt* 1706, and arrived at Fort *St. George* the 11th of *April* 1707.

From thence he went to *Tonquin*, where the Captain reſolved to continue ſome time, and ſent him on a trading Voyage up the Country. He had not ſailed above three Days before a Storm aroſe, a Week after, he was taken by *Pirates*, and ſet adrift in a ſmall Canoe to ſeek his Fortune. When he was at ſome diſtance from *them*, he diſcovered *ſeveral Iſlands*, and in about three Hours reached the neareſt of them, roaſted ſome Eggs, which he found, for his Supper; and the next Day ſailed to another *Iſland*. Here he found a greater plenty of Eggs, lay in a Cave upon a Bed of dry Graſs and Sea-Weed which he intended for Fuel; he ſlept very little, being troubled in Mind, and walking out the next Day among the Rocks, perceived a vaſt *Opake Body* between him and the Sun, moving forwards towards the *Iſland:* It ſeemed to be about two Miles high, and at length by its near approach, it proved to be a well inhabited *Flying-Iſland*; they made Signs for him to come down from the Rock, he ſaw a Seat deſcending, to which he fixed himſelf, and was drawn up by Pullies.

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This *Flying-Iſland*, Mr. Dean, ſeems to me a very good *Rehearſal* of Biſhop *Wilkins*'s World *in the* Moon, or the *Caſtles* in the Air built by a noted Lady of Quality. But I ſhall hereafter enlarge upon this Parallel.

CHAP. II.

THE Humours and Diſpoſitions of the *Laputians* are next deſcribed. An Account of their Learning, their King, his Court, and the Author's Reception. Mr. *Gulliver* aſſerts, that he had *never till then ſeen* a Race of Mortals ſo ſingular in their Shapes, Habits, and Countenances. *Page* 15.

Lilliputian Pygmies, and *Brobdingnagian* Monſters we have paſſed, but theſe are far exceeded by the *Flying-Iſlanders* of *Laputa*; whoſe Heads are reclined either to the Right, or to the Left; one of their Eyes turned inward, and the other directly up to the *Zenith*. Their Garments are adorned with the Figures of Suns, Moons, and Stars, *&c.* (after the Manner in which the antient *Britons* painted

painted their Skins.) 'It ſeems the Minds 'of theſe People are ſo taken up with in- 'tenſe Speculations, that they neither can 'ſpeak, nor attend to the Diſcourſes of 'others, without being rouzed by ſome 'external Taction upon the Organs of 'Speech and Hearing; for which Reaſon 'they keep a *Flapper* *. The Buſineſs of 'this Officer is, when two or three more 'are in Company, gently to ſtrike with 'his *Bladder* the Mouth of him who 'is to ſpeak, and the right Ear of him 'or them to whom the Speaker addreſ- 'ſeth himſelf. This *Flapper* is likewiſe 'employed diligently to attend his Ma- 'ſter in his Walks, and, upon Occaſion, 'to give him a ſoft Flap on his Eyes, be- 'cauſe he is always ſo wrapped up in Cogi- 'tation, that he is in manifeſt Danger 'of falling down every Precipice, and 'bouncing his Head againſt every Poſt, 'and in the Streets of juſtling others, 'or being juſtled himſelf into the Ken- 'nel.

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* They have blown *Bladders*, in which are dried Peaſe, or little Pebbles, faſtened like a Flail to the end of a ſhort Stick, which their Servants carry in their Hands.

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This is the very Caſe of the *Experiment-Mongers*, throughout the good Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*; and I therefore recommend the uſe of theſe *Flapping-Officers* to Meſſieurs *Whiſton*, *Deſaguliers*, *Henley*, and other Diſplayers of the abſtruſe *Arcana* of *Nature*.

The Learning of the *Laputians* is chiefly of the Philoſophical Kind; for Mr. *Gulliver* tells us, that when he came to Court, the King was deep in a Problem (with Globes, Spheres, and all Sorts of Mathematical Inſtruments before him) and he waited at leaſt an Hour before his Majeſty could ſolve it. Afterwards he was conducted to an Apartment in the Palace, and very hoſpitably entertained, four Perſons of Quality dining with him. 'We had, *ſays* *Page* 20. 'he, two Courſes of three Diſhes each. In 'the firſt Courſe there was a Shoulder of 'Mutton cut into an *Æquilateral Triangle*, 'a piece of Beef into a *Rhomboides*, and 'a Pudding into a *Cycloid*. The ſecond 'Courſe was two Ducks truſſed up into the Form of Fiddles, Sauſages and 'Puddings reſembling *Flutes* and *Hautboys*, and a Breaſt of Veal in the Shape 'of a *Harp*. The Servants cut our Bread 'into *Cones*, *Cylinders*, *Parallelograms*,

'and

Page 21. ‘ and ſeveral other *Mathematical* Fi-
‘ gures.

This is a juſt Rebuke to thoſe Fops who in the Treats they make, regard more the Garniture of their *Tables*, than the *Food* they intend to ſet upon them. And, who at a *Fiſh-Dinner*, pinch up their *Pig's-Eye-Diaper* into the Shapes of *Poultry*. It is alſo a good Admonition to thoſe Pedantick *Illiterati*, who in all Converſations are continually making uſe of *Technical Words* in order to demonſtrate their *Profeſſion*, and who upon Examination are always found to be very empty, or, at beſt, but ſuperficial Dablers in the Sciences of which they boaſt.

Mr. *Gulliver* now began to be very inquiſitive after the *Laputian* Language, he acquaints us that a Perſon was ſent to him, by the King's Order, to inſtruct him; and his Progreſs was ſo expeditious, that in a few Days he obtained therein a conſiderable Inſight.

Page 22. The *Derivation* he gives of the Word LAPUTA, ſignifying the *Flying* or *Floating Iſland*, is a true Picture of thoſe Triflers who make it the whole Buſineſs of their Lives to gueſs at an old *Inſcription*, or the *Reverſe* of a *Medal*; and as

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Mr. *Addiſon* well Remarks, *value themſelves upon being Criticks in* RUST, *and will undertake to tell you the different Ages of it by its* COLOUR *.

He proceeds to give a farther Account of the great Civilities ſhewed him. 'Thoſe, 'ſays he, to whom by the King's Com-'mand I was intruſted, obſerving how 'ill I was clad, ordered a Taylor to come 'next Morning, and take my Meaſure 'for a Suit of Clothes. This Operator 'did his Office after a different Manner 'from thoſe of his Trade in *England*. 'He firſt took my *Altitude* by a *Quadrant*, 'and then with *Rule* and *Compaſſes* de-'ſcribed the Dimenſions and Out-lines 'of my whole Body, all which he en-'tered upon Paper, and in ſix Days 'brought my Clothes very ill made, and 'quite out of Shape, by happening to 'miſtake a Figure in the Calculati-'on. *Page* 24.

But being at laſt Equipt, he went to Court, and by the help of his Dictionary, was able to underſtand many Things

* *See* his Dialogues, *&c.* upon *Medals. Edit.* 120 *pag.* 19.

the King ſpoke, and to return him ſome kind of Anſwers. 'His Majeſty had given 'Orders that the Iſland ſhould move 'North-Eaſt, and by Eaſt, to the Verti-'cal point over *Lagado*, the Metropolis 'of the whole Kingdom below upon the 'firm Earth. It was about ninety Miles 'diſtant, and our Voyage laſted four Days 'and an half.' The ſecond Day the King and his Courtiers raviſhed him in playing upon their Inſtruments, theſe People having their Ears adapted to the Muſick of the Spheres. 'In their Journey, his Ma-'jeſty ordered that the Iſland ſhould 'ſtop over certain Towns and Villages, 'from whence he might receive the Pe-'titions of his Subjects. And to this pur-'poſe ſeveral Packthreads were let down 'with ſmall Weights at the Bottom.' On which ſaid Packthreads the People ſtrung their Petitions, which mounted up like the Tail of a School-Boy's Kite.

This is certainly another Sarcaſm upon (that whimſical, though otherwiſe truly great Man) Biſhop *Wilkins*, relating to a Book he wrote, intitled, *The Secret and Swift Meſſenger*, &c. for beſides the political Allegory, Mr. *Gulliver* has many ſhrewd Remarks upon Men and Books,

Sects,

Sects, Parties, and Opinions, as I ſhall note in the Courſe of theſe Obſervations.

He next enters farther into their Language, their Skill in Mathematicks, Muſick, *&c.* (the Cuſtoms and Manners of the *Laputians* very much reſembling the *Lunarians* of Biſhop *Wilkins*, alluding alſo to another Book wrote by that Prelate in Folio, intitled, *The Real Character: Or, Univerſal Language*, &c.) He adds, that they 'have great Faith in Judicial 'Aſtrology, though they are aſhamed to 'own it publickly. That they have a 'ſtrong Diſpoſition to News and Politicks. 'That they are perpetually giving their 'Judgments in Matters of State, and paſ-'ſionately diſputing every Inch of a Par-'ty Opinion. I have indeed, ſays he, 'obſerved the ſame Diſpoſition among 'moſt of the Mathematicians I have known 'in *Europe*, &c.' He then deſcribes the Diſquietudes of theſe People relating to future Contingencies of the celeſtial Bodies; they believe 'that the *Earth* very nar-'rowly eſcaped a Bruſh from the Tail 'of the laſt Comet, which would have 'infallibly reduced it to Aſhes; and that 'the *Page* 26.

'the next which they (*Halley*, *Whiſton*, &c. 'alluding to the next grand Eclipſe) have 'calculated for one and thirty Years will 'probably deſtroy us. From *Aſtronomy*, 'he advances to the Women of *Laputa*, 'who have abundance of Vivacity; they
Page 31. 'contemn their Husbands, and are exceed-'ingly fond of Strangers, &c.

He concludes this Chapter with a Story of a '*Court Lady*, who was catched in-'triguing with a Footman, who beat 'her every Day, and in whoſe Compa-'ny ſhe was taken much againſt her 'Will. And though her Husband re-'ceived her with all poſſible Kindneſs, 'and without the leaſt Reproach, ſhe 'ſoon after contrived an Eſcape, with 'all her Jewels to the ſame Gallant,
Page 33. 'and hath not been heard of ſince.

Does not this reſemble, Mr. Dean, the Caſe of the late *John Dormer* Eſq; and *Tom Jones* his Footman? The whole of this Affair may be ſeen among thoſe curious Pieces, intitled, *The Caſes of Impotency and Divorce*, in five Volumes, printed for Mr. CURLL in the *Strand*; concerning the publication of which the underwritten *Affidavit* has been made

made before the Right Honourable the Lord Chief-Juſtice *Raymond* *.

CHAP.

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* To invalidate the notorious and ſcandalous Falſhoods contained in the *London Journal* of the 12th of *Nov.* *Edmund Curll* maketh Oath, That a Book by him herewith produced, Intitled, *The Caſe of Impotency as debated in* England, was publiſhed by *Clement Wearg* Eſq; (late Solicitor-General) and printed from an Original Manuſcript by him given to this Deponent, and the following Advertiſement by the ſaid *Clement Wearg* Eſq; thereto prefixed. 'The Publick having 'given a general Approbation of the late Tryal between 'the Marquis *de Geſvres* and his Lady at *Paris*, as 'indeed ſo nice and curious a Subject deſerved; I was 'inclined to ſearch our own Law Books and Hiſtori-'ans, to ſee what adjudged Caſes and Precedents we 'had of the ſame Nature. That which is the moſt 'conſiderable in our *Engliſh* Hiſtory, was, the Caſe of 'the Earl of *Eſſex*, and the Lady *Howard*; a Caſe 'that engaged the Politicks of the greateſt Stateſmen, 'and the Caſuiſtry of a Monarch himſelf. There has 'as yet been a great Defect of Information concerning 'this Caſe, which the Reader will now find ſupplied 'from an Original Manuſcript of Archbiſhop *Abbot's*, 'written in his own Hand. This Manuſcript contains 'an exact Account of all the Artifice and Stratagem 'uſed in that Affair, and is not only very full and par-'ticular upon the Caſe, but lets us into a conſiderable 'Part of the Secrets and Politicks of King *James* the 1ſt's 'Reign. To make a Collection of this Nature as per-'fect as I well could, there is added the Lord *Audley's* 'Tryal,

CHAP. III.

Page 35. HAving obtained leave of the King to ſee the Curioſities of the Iſland, he deſcribes its Form to be exactly Circular; its Diameter ſeven thouſand eight hundred and thirty-ſeven Yards, or about four Miles and an half, and con-

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'Tryal, and the Proceedings upon the Duke of *Nor-*
'*folk*'s Bill of Divorce; which as they bear ſome rela-
'tion to this Subject, ſo they are now very rare and
'valuable. The Duke of *Norfolk*'s Caſe, in particular,
'employed ſome of our greateſt Lawyers, who have
'made ſince very eminent Figures in their Profeſſions;
'and contains all that can be ſaid upon the Article of
'Divorce. *Inner-Temple, Oct.* 30. 1714.

This Deponent farther ſaith, That when the abovementioned Book was printed, he returned the Original Manuſcript to *Clement Wearg* Eſq; at his Chambers (then in *New-Court*) in the *Temple*.

E. CURLL.

Jurat apud Serjeant's-Inn,
Chancery-Lane, 14 *Die*
Novembris 1726.
Coram me.

R. RAYMOND.

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ſequently contains ten thouſand Acres, *&c.* At the Center of the Iſland, he next deſcribes *Flandona Gagnole*, or the *Aſtronomer's Cave*, wherein are twenty Lamps continually burning. The place is ſtored with great Variety of Sextants, Quadrants, Teleſcopes, Aſtrolabes, *&c.* but the greateſt Curioſity, on which the Fate of the Iſland depends, is a Load-ſtone of a prodigious Size, in Shape reſembling a Weaver's Shuttle, *&c.*

Moſt of theſe Rarities may be ſeen at *Flamſted*-Houſe in *Greenwich*-Park, and the *Load-ſtone*, no doubt, is a juſt Emblem of the *Britiſh* Linen and Woollen Manufactures, on which depends the Welfare of thoſe *United Dominions*.

He goes on to enumerate the Virtues of this *Load-ſtone*, ſhewing, that by its attractive Power the Iſland is made to riſe and fall, and move from one place to another. *Page* 39. 'It was eaſy, ſays he, for a 'Prince, from the great Advantage of 'ſuch a ſuperiour Situation, to bring under his Obedience whatever Country lay 'within the Attraction of that *Magnet*. 'Its various Operations are farther demonſtrated, concluding with this juſt Reflection, that the King would be the moſt

'abſolute

'abſolute Prince in the Univerſe, if he 'could but prevail on a Miniſtry to join 'with him; but theſe have their Eſtates 'below on the Continent, and conſidering 'that the Office of a Favourite has a ve-'ry uncertain Tenure, would never con-
Page 44. 'ſent to the enſlaving of their Country.' But, he aſſerts the Power of the Prince to be very great in puniſhing Offenders, yet adds, 'that by a fundamental Law 'of this Realm (like the *Engliſh* Act of Settle-'ment) neither the King, nor either of 'his two eldeſt Sons, are permitted to 'leave the Iſland; nor the Queen till ſhe 'is paſt Child-bearing.

CHAP. IV.

Page 48. LEMUEL now leaves *Laputa*, is conveyed to *Balnibarbi*, and arrives at the Metropolis *Lagado*; which he deſcribes, together with the Country adjoining. He ſays, that *Lagado* is about half the Bigneſs of *London*, and the Inhabitants ſeem equally buſy; then recounts his Converſation with a noble Lord

to

to which I refer, and ſhall only obſerve, that the *Laputians* procured,

A Patent-Royal for ſome New Projectors,
(*Extremely like your old* South-Sea *Directors.*)

Theſe were erected into an *Academy*; and the Humour prevailed ſo ſtrongly among the People, that there was not a Town of any Conſequence in the Kingdom without *one*.

'In theſe Colleges, ſays he, the Pro- *Page* 58.
'feſſors contrive *new* Rules and Methods
'of Agriculture and Building, and *new*
'Inſtruments and Tools for all Trades
'and Manufactures; whereby, as they
'undertake, *one* Man ſhall do the Work
'of *ten*; a Palace may be built in a Week,
'of Materials ſo durable, as to laſt for
'ever without repairing; all the Fruits
'of the Earth were to come to Maturity
'at whatever Seaſon they thought fit to
'chuſe, and increaſe an hundered fold more
'than they did at preſent, with innumera-
'ble other happy Propoſals. The only
'Inconvenience is, that none of theſe Pro-
'jects are yet brought to Perfection, and

'in the mean time the whole Country 'lies miſerably waſte, the Houſes in Ruins, 'and the People without Food or 'Clothes.

The grand Affair which miſcarried under the Lord *Munodi*'s Conduct, ſeems almoſt of equal Conſequence with the Duke
Page 61. of *Ch*-----*s's African*-Misfortunes, &c.

CHAP. V.

MR. *Gulliver* being permitted to ſee the Grand Academy of *Lagado*, gives a large Deſcription thereof, and of the *Arts* in which the Profeſſors (*alias* Directors) employ themſelves. From whence I ſhall only recite ſome few of the moſt Extraordinary, *viz.*

Page 63. I. A Project for extracting Sun-beams out of Cucumbers, in order to ſupply Gardens with Sun-ſhine at a reaſonable Rate.

Page 64. II. An Operation to reduce human Excrement to its original Food, by ſeparating the ſeveral parts, removing the Tincture

ſture which it receives from the Gall, making the Odour exhale, and ſcumming off the Saliva.

III. How to calcine Ice into Gunpowder.

IV. A New Method (perfectly *Vanbrughian*) for building Houſes, by beginning at the Roof, and working downwards to the Foundation, juſtified by the Practice of thoſe two prudent *Inſects*, the Bee and the Spider. *Page* 65.

V. Of plowing the Ground with Hogs, to ſave the Charges of Plows, Cattle, and Labour. *Page* 66.

I ſhall not trouble you, Sir, with all the Curioſities I obſerved, being, as Mr. *Gulliver* ſays, ſtudious of Brevity. *Page* 69.

Now for the Advancers of ſpeculative Learning in this Academy, *viz.*

I. The *Univerſal Artiſt.* He had been thirty Years employing his Thoughts for the Improvement of human Life. Dr. *Young* has been almoſt as long in finding out the *Univerſal Paſſion.* *Page* 70.

Page 71. II. A Project for improving ſpeculative Knowledge by practical and mechanical Operations. Whereby, in a *Frame*, ſomewhat in the Nature of a Weaver's Loom, the moſt ignorant Perſon, at a reaſonable Charge, and with a little bodily Labour, may write both in Philoſophy, Poetry, Politicks, Law, Mathematicks, and Theology, without the leaſt Aſſiſtance from Genius or Study. Mr. *Gulliver* next deſcribes the Manner of working at this *Frame*, and tells us, that the Profeſſor ſhewed him ſeveral Volumes in large Folio, already collected, of broken Sentences, which he intended to piece together, and out of thoſe rich Materials to give the World a compleat Body of all Arts and Sciences, *&c.*----*Par nobile Fratrum.*

Now, Mr. Dean, if you and I ſhould ever live to ſee our Friend *Lemuel* at *Redriff*, we will ſhew him five Volumes in Folio *Framed* by an *Engliſhman*, and *Spun* only out of his own Brain. All *Europe* muſt know, that I mean Sir RICHARD BLACKMORE Knt. the ſole Performer in Epic Poetry.

I. Prince

I. Prince ARTHUR.

II. King ARTHUR.

III. ELIZA.

IV. JOB.

V. *Satire* againſt WIT.

} Folio.

Cum multis aliis quæ, &c.

This laborious Artiſt has likewiſe ſpun out many other Volumes in Theology, Phyſick, and on Miſcellanious Subjects, and his *Exegi Monumentum*, is a *new* Verſion of the *Pſalms* of *David*, fitted to the *old* Tunes uſed in all places of Pſalmody, for the Edification both of Churchmen and Diſſenters.

Beſides, I do not look upon our Countryman, Mr. Dean, to be a whit inferiour to this *Laputian* Profeſſor. For in his Days of Juvenility, Sir *Richard* had profeſſed the Art and Myſtery of Gerund-driving, and taught the uſe of Particles, Nouns, and Verbs, *&c.* under the Style and Title of *Ludimagiſter*. *Page* 74.

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Mr. *Gulliver*'s Survey of the School of Language, and the Mathematical-School, ends this Chapter. And the Scheme propoſed for entirely aboliſhing all *Words*, and talking by *Things*, may be farther Illuſtrated by conſulting Biſhop WILKINS's *Real Character*: *Or*, *Univerſal Language*, &c. in Folio, *ut ſupra*.

CHAP. VI.

Page 80. HErein is given a farther Account of this *Academy*; and ſome Improvements propoſed by Mr. *Gulliver* are honourably received. He frankly declares, that he 'was but ill entertained in the 'School of political Projectors, the Profeſ-'ſors, ſays he, appearing in my Judgment 'wholly out of their Senſes, which is a 'Scene that never fails to make me melan-'cholly.' The *Schemes* they propoſed, are too long here to be recited. But as to the Phyſician he mentions, who cures all Diſtempers by *feeling the Pulſe of the*
Page 83. *Patient only*. I am fully convinced, that both you and I, Mr. Dean, could name an

an *Engliſh* Graduate, though but a Country Practiſer (near *Lynn, Regis, in Comitatu Norfolciæ*) who is a much greater Adept in this Science. Nay, more, he infallibly reſtores all Diſlocations and broken Limbs, by a Golden-Cordial (far exceeding Dr. *Stevens*'s Water) without the leaſt manual Operation whatever. *Probatum eſt.*

However, it muſt be allowed, that the *Pulſe-feeling* of this political Phyſician, may be very efficacious, and of 'much uſe 'in the diſpatch of Buſineſs in thoſe Coun-'tries where Senates have any Share in 'the Legiſlative Power, beget Unanimi-'ty, ſhorten Debates, open a few Mouths 'which are now cloſed, and cloſe many 'more which are now open; curb the 'petulancy of the Young, and correct the 'poſitiveneſs of the Old; rouſe the Stupid, *Page* 84. 'and damp the Pert.' His *Recipes* againſt *Forgetfulneſs*, his *Directions* for *Senators*, his *Prevention* in times of *Party-Rage*, and *Page* 86. his *Method* of undermining Conſpiracies, are all *Specificks*; and give him a juſt Title to the Apothecaries Motto, *Opiferque* *Page* 90. *per Orbem dicor.*

Their Manner of raiſing Taxes in *Laputa*, their confining of State-priſoners, and their

their Decyphering of State-papers, with the Obſervations from thence ariſing, are ſo trite that I ſhall paſs them over.

CHAP. VII.

Page 94. THE Deſire of ſeeing *England*, having, once more, poſſeſſed the Mind of *Lemuel*, he leaves this Place; deſcribes the Situation of the *great* Iſland of *Luggnagg*, and informs us, that between the King of that place and the *Japaneſe* Emperor, there is a ſtrict Alliance. He farther tells us, that his Journey was without any Accident or Adventure worth relating. And, that when he arrived at the Port of *Maldonado*, there was no Ship in the Harbour to convey him to *Luggnagg*; and being obliged to wait a Month for a Paſſage thither, in the Interval, he took a Trip to the *little* Iſland of *Glubbdubdribb*, (the *Iſland* of *Sorcerers*, or *Magicians*) He was very hoſpitably entertained by the Governour here; who, at his own requeſt, ſhewed him many Scenes in the World of

of Spirits, of which he gives a very ſurprizing Account, adding withal, that he *Page* 99
'ſoon grew ſo familiarized to the ſight of
'Spirits, that they gave him no Emotion
'at all; or if he had any Apprehenſions
'left, his Curioſity prevailed over them.'
The Governour (all in that Poſt having an Hereditary-Right to *Necromancy*) called up before him, *Alexander* the Great, *Hanibal*, *Cæſar*, and *Pompey*, and other Illuſtrious Perſonages. But the laſt View Mr. *Gulliver* deſired to behold, was, that the Senate of *Rome* might appear before him in one large Chamber, and an Aſſembly of ſomewhat a latter Age, in Counterview in another. The firſt, ſays he, ſeemed to be an Aſſembly of Heroes and Demi-Gods; the other, a Knot of Pedlars, Pickpockets, Highwaymen, and Bullies. But *P.* 102.
notwithſtanding our Traveller is in ſuch high Praiſes of a *Roman* Senate, what would he have ſaid, Mr. Dean, had a *Britiſh* Houſe of Lords and Commons been called up before him?

CHAP. VIII.

MR. *Gulliver* is ſo taken with the *Black-Art*, that he purſues his Account of *Glubdubdribb*, and deſired the Governour to call up *Homer* and *Ariſtotle*,
P. 105. with all their Commentators, 'who always 'kept at a Diſtance from their Principals 'through a Conſciouſneſs of Shame and 'Guilt, becauſe they had ſo horribly miſ-'repreſented their Meaning to Poſterity. 'I ſpent five Days, ſays he, in converſing 'with many other of the antient Learned, 'and ſaw moſt of the firſt *Roman* Empe-'rors. I employed three Days in ſeeing 'ſome of the modern Dead, and I confeſs 'it was not without ſome pleaſure, that I 'found my ſelf able to trace the particu-'lar Features, by which certain Families 'are diſtinguiſhed up to their Originals.' This is the general Account he gives, and the particular Inſtances you will read with pleaſure. Yet two or three *Appearances* I muſt take Notice of. He deſired to ſee a dozen or two of Kings, with their Anceſtors

ceſtors in order for eight or nine Gene- P. 108.
rations. But my Diſappointment, ſays he, was grievous and unexpected. 'For in-
'ſtead of a long Train with Royal Dia-
'dems, I ſaw in one Family *two Fidlers* *,
'three ſpruce Courtiers, and an *Italian*
'Prelate. In another, a Barber, an Ab-
'bot, and two Cardinals.' As to Counts, Marqueſſes, Dukes, Earls, and the like, he found a ſtrange Interruption of their Lineages by Pages, Lacqueys, Valets, Coachmen, Gameſters, Captains, and Pick-pockets. He adds, that three Kings proteſted to him, that in their whole Lives they did never once prefer any Perſon of Merit. Certainly, Mr. Dean, theſe Monarchs muſt be of the *Stuartine* Race. He likewiſe talks of innocent Perſons being 'con-
'demned to Death, or Baniſhment by the
'practiſing of great Miniſters upon the
'Corruption of Judges, and the Malice of
'Faction.' Now here I am ſenſible, that the preſent Diſaffected in *England*, will immediately apply the Caſes of an executed Barriſter, baniſhed Biſhop, and an impriſoned Prieſt. Here too, ſays Mr.

* See the Hiſtory of JAMES VI. of *Scotland*. Scandalous Chronicle, *fol. pag.* 278.

Gulliver, I diſcovered the ſecret Cauſes of many great Events that have ſurprized the World, how a *Whore* can govern the Back-ſtairs, the Back-ſtairs a Council, and the Council a Senate. *Tace*, is the true reading of this Paragraph.

P. 112. I had the Curioſity to enquire in a particular Manner, by what Method great Numbers had procured to themſelves high Titles of Honour, and prodigious Eſtates; and I confined my Enquiry to a very modern Period: However, without grating upon preſent Times, becauſe I would be ſure to give no Offence even to *Foreigners*. *Tace* once more. His farther Obſervations are cloſed with this Remark.

P. 116. 'I deſcended ſo low, as to deſire that 'ſome *Engliſh* Yeomen of the old Stamp, 'might be Summoned to appear, once 'ſo famous for the ſimplicity of their 'Manners, Diet, and Dreſs, for Juſtice in 'their Dealings, for their true Spirit of Li-'berty, for their Valour and Love of their 'Country. Neither could I be wholly un-'moved after comparing the Living with 'the Dead, when I conſidered how all 'theſe pure native Virtues were proſtitu-'ted for a piece of Money by their Grand-'children, who in ſelling their Votes, and

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'managing at Elections, have acquired 'every Vice and Corruption that can poſ- 'ſibly be learned in a Court.

CHAP. IX.

THE time of *Lemuel*'s departure being come, he takes his Leave of his Highneſs the Governour of *Glubbdubdribb*, and returned to *Maldonado*, where, after a Fortnight's waiting, a Ship was ready to ſail for *Luggnagg*. He was a Month in his Voyage, had one violent Storm, but on the 21ſt of *April* 1711, they reached *Clumegnig*, which is a Sea-port Town, at the South-Eaſt Point of *Luggnagg*. Here he was ſeized, by a Cuſtom-Houſe Officer, as a ſuſpected Perſon coming from foreign Parts. He was kept in Cuſtody till a Diſpatch came from Court, with a Warrant for conducting him to *Traldragdubb*, or *Trildragdrib*, by a Party of ten Horſe. He relates the Manner of his Admittance to the King, and his great Lenity towards him, and informs us, that he ſtayed three Months in this Country out of perfect Obedience to his Majeſty, who was pleaſed highly to favour *P.* 118.

vour him, and made him very honourable Offers: 'But, ſays he, I thought it more 'conſiſtent with Prudence and Juſtice, to 'paſs the remainder of my Days with my
P. 126. 'Wife and Family.

CHAP. X.

HE begins this Chapter with extolling the *Luggnaggians*, and enters into a particular Deſcription of the *Struldbruggs*, relating many Converſations between himſelf and ſome eminent Perſons, concerning theſe *Immortals*. For it ſeems,
P. 128. though it is very rare, 'If a Child hap-'pen to be born with a red circular Spot 'in the Forehead, directly over the left 'Eye-brow, it is an infallible Mark that 'it will never die. This Spot is about the 'Compaſs of a Silver Three-pence, but 'in courſe of Time it grows larger, and 'changes its Colour; for at twelve Years 'old it becomes Green, ſo continues till 'twenty-five, then turns to a deep Blue; 'at forty-five it grows coal Black, and as 'large as an *Engliſh* Shilling, but never 'admits of any farther Alteration.---Hap-'pieſt beyond all Compariſon are theſe 'excellent

'excellent *Struldbruggs*, who born exempt from 'that univerſal Calamity of human Nature, have 'their Minds free and diſengaged, without the 'weight and depreſſion of Spirits cauſed by the 'continual Apprehenſion of Death. *P.* 130.

Upon ſuch kind of reaſoning, no doubt it was, that Mr. *Aſgill* founded his *Argument* in defence of *Tranſlation*; but as Mr. *Prior* remarks of the Philoſopher, concerning *Tranſmigration*,

With all the Births and Deaths he had in Store,
Went out Pythagoras, *but came no more.*

Mr. *Gulliver* became perfectly enamoured with the Account of theſe *Immortals*, 'He obſerved 'long Life to be the univerſal Deſire and Wiſh of 'Mankind. That the oldeſt Perſon had ſtill 'hopes of Living one Day longer, and looked 'on Death as the greateſt Evil, from which Na- *P.* 139. 'ture always prompted him to retreat.

Thus after many Converſations with theſe People, as to their Notions, manner of Living, *&c.* he declares that, 'he could not but agree, 'that the Laws of this Kingdom, relating to the '*Struldbruggs*, were founded upon the ſtrongeſt 'Reaſons, and ſuch as any other Country would 'be under the neceſſity of enacting in the like 'Circumſtances. Otherwiſe, as Avarice is the 'neceſſary Conſequent of old Age, thoſe *Im-* '*mortals* would in Time become Proprietors of 'the whole Nation, and engroſs the civil Power,

'which,

'which, for want of Abilities to manage, muſt
P. 146. 'end in the Ruin of the Publick.

One would almoſt, Mr. Dean, be induced to believe, that this *Traveller* of ours, had been preſent when you ſo juſtly obſerved (in a late Converſation on this Side the Water) the fatal Conſequences of that implacable Spirit and Rancour, which, in all Reigns, has poſſeſſed thoſe *Engliſh* Eccleſiaſticks, who have aſſerted the *Independency* of the *Church* upon the *State*; and tha wherever thoſe Seeds had been permitted to take Root, the Diſcords from thence ſpringing up, generally terminated in the deſtruction both of *Prince* and *Prelate*; ſelf-evident in the Caſe of *Laud* and the *Royal-Martyr*. This plainly manifeſts, that ſuch *Clergy*, ought to the lateſt Poſterity in *England*, to be called *Struldbruggs*. For it will be found, as abovementioned, that, *whenever they aſſume the* Civil Power, *their want of* Abilities *to* manage, *muſt end in the* Ruin *of the* Publick.

Mr. *Gulliver* concludes his *Third* Voyage, with informing the Reader, that he left *Luggnagg*, ſailed to *Japan*, and arrived by the Way of *Holland*, again at *Redriff*, the 10th of *April* 1710, where he found his Wife and Family in good Health.

I am, till the next and laſt Occaſion upon this Subject,

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Sir,

Yours, &c.

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